education." (Hindustan Times, 28th September, 2007, New Delhi edition). These however, should be construed as personal remarks of Country Director India, for the World Bank and there has been no official correspondence from the Bank in this regard.

(b) The investment requirements to sustain India's growth rate of 9 per cent in the Eleventh Five Year Plan have not been fixed.

(c) The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan targets an annual growth rate of 4% for the agriculture sector. The Approach Paper mentions various strategic measures for accelerating the agricultural output. These include doubling the rate of growth of irrigated area; improving water management; rainwater harvesting and watershed development; reclaim degraded land and focus on soil quality; bridge the knowledge gap through effective extension; diversify into high value outputs with adequate measures to ensure food security; promote animal husbandry and fishery; easy access to credit; improve incentive structure and functioning of markets and refocus on land reform issues.

NHAI projects under World Bank loans

†496. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirty projects in the country are under construction under loans obtained from the World Bank by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

(b) if not, the details thereof and the actual number of these projects at present;

(c) whether there is delay in the construction of these projects from the target time; and

(d) if so, the number of delayed projects under construction alongwith the period of minimum and maximum delay in this regard, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing 30 contracts packages on National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-I & II under World Bank Loan Assistance.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. There has been some delays in the completion of a few contracts primarily due to delay in acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, delay in environment and forest clearances, delay in clearances from Railways, poor performance of some contractors, termination of one contract.

(d) The details of World Bank funded projects currently under implementation and delayed from scheduled completion date is given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of World Bank Funded Projects Currently under Implementation and Delayed from Scheduled Completion Date

Sl. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length in km.	Start Date	Completion Date (original)	Anticipated Date of Completion	Cumm. Phy. Prog. in %	Time overrun (months)
1	Agra-Shikohabad (GTRIP/I-A	2	50.83	March, 2002	March, 2005	January, 2008	93.42	34
2	Allahabad Bypass Contract-I (Bridge)	2	1.02	September, 2003	March, 2006	December, 2007	94.47	21
3	Allahabad Bypass Contract-II	2	38.987	June, 2004	December, 2006	March, 2008	66.55	15
4	Allahabad Bypass Contract-III	2	44.708	November, 2004	May, 2007	June, 2008	60.70	13
5	Etawah-Rajpur (GTRIP/I-C)	2	72.825	March, 2002	March, 2005	December, 2007	96.30	33
6	Fatehpur-Khaga (TNHP/II-C)	2	77	March, 2001	October, 2004	June, 2008	69.50	44
7	Gorhar-Barwa Adda (TNHP/V-C)	2	78.75	September, 2001	March, 2005	March, 2008	73.81	36
8	Handia-Varanasi (TNHP/III-C)	2	72	March, 2001	July, 2004	December, 2007	96.30	41
9	Kanpur-Fatehpur (GTRIP/II-B)	2	51.5	March, 2002	March, 2005	March, 2008	95.70	36
10	Sasaram-Dehri on-sone (GTRIP/IV-C	2	30	March, 2002	March, 2005	December, 2007	88.84	33
11	Shikohabad-Etawah (GTRIP/I-B)	2	59.02	September, 2005	September, 2007	January, 2008	69.79	4
12	Varanasi-Mohania (GTRIP/IV-A)	2	76	March, 2002	March, 2005	March, 2008	88.38	36